

Are We the "Last Christian Generation?" continued...

As Mr. McDowell puts it: "It's not that they [churched teens] haven't embraced a version of Christianity; it's simply that the version they believe in is not built on the true foundation of what biblical Christianity is all about." This, of course, has consequences. Josh says, "Sadly, the majority of our young people are not being transformed. They are making wrong choices and suffering the consequences, all the while believing they are Christians."

Here is what Josh proposes:

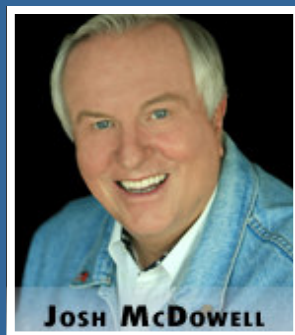
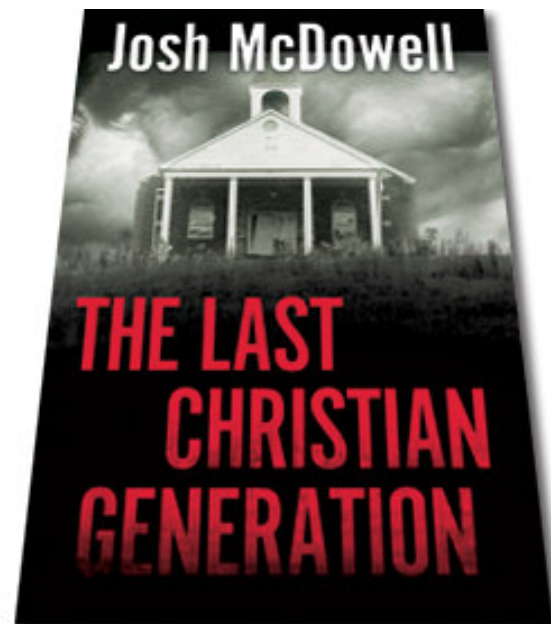
"I believe the solution lies **in revealing to this generation of young people who Christ really is and then leading them to properly respond to Him.** Our young people's distorted views and unchanged lives will continue until they experience a true revelation of Christ for who He really is." (Emphasis is the author's.)

That is quite a challenge, and McDowell spends much of the rest of the text proposing how churches and ministries might accomplish this objective.

What impact has this had at DPCA as we've studied together? We've been reminded of the critical and urgent need to communicate who Christ is by living lives of faith, worship, and prayer. We've been encouraged to think of ways to model and practice the Christian faith, and not just talk about it. Josh has asked us to be sure that we are presenting a complete picture of God, that He is the God of redemption, relationships, and restoration. As we finish the book, we'll be challenged to be a more mission-driven school that does a better job of modeling Christ-likeness, being intergenerational, being innovative, and building community.

In some ways, none of this is new to the staff and faculty at the Academy, but it has been a wonderful refresher, reminder, and challenge that we must not rest or give up. We've also been challenged to look critically at our practices at school to see if we can improve how we communicate about Jesus and His kingdom to the students in our care.

Are we the last Christian generation? I would have to agree with Josh McDowell that the danger is very real. I also have to agree that there is hope! If we are to realize that hope, however, we must work together -- church (the whole Christian community), school, parents -- to help the next generation develop truly biblical and transforming faith. What *would* life be like in America and around the world if we truly *were* the last Christian generation? God grant that we never find out! Here at DPCA we will be making some changes and seeking to be more effective as we have reviewed, studied, and prayed over our part in this battle. What's your part?



BETA CLUB INDUCTS MEMBERS

Six students at DPCA were inducted into the National Beta Honor Society at a special ceremony held on Wednesday, January 23, bringing current membership in the club to seventeen.

Inducted into the Junior Beta Club were Madeline Green, Melinda Green, Sarah Pascarelli, Nick Pascarelli and Rebecca Pranger. Jon Tingle is the new Senior Club member. Freshmen Tanner Brassler, Michelle Miller and Nicole Pranger were welcomed into Senior Membership.

To be considered for membership, students must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and exhibit leadership potential, excellent character, and a willingness to serve. Members pledge to "... always strive to be honest and truthful at all times; to maintain an excellent scholarship record (minimum GPA of 3.4); to be of service to the school and the community; to live in an ethical and moral manner; to reflect credit upon the school and community; and to bring honor to God."

COMEDY NIGHT FEATURES COLORADO COMEDIAN



Rich Praytor was the featured comedian at DPCA's third annual comedy night held on Friday, February 15. Rich is from Colorado Springs, Colorado and is a "comedian, author and motivational speaker who travels the country entertaining and inspiring audiences of all ages" -- and that's just what he did for those gathered in the Eagle Cafetorium for Comedy Night. "Rich was very, very funny," quoted one attendee, "can't wait for next year's (comedy night)!"

The event was underwritten by local businesses and individuals. Please help us express our thanks to these sponsors (listed at right) through your support of their businesses.



Back: Club Sponsor Mrs. Pat Tritz, Juan Velasquez (Secretary), Tanner Brassler, Nathan Ritschard (President), Shawn Martin, Nicole Pranger (Vice-President), Michelle Miller. **Middle:** Andrea Newell, Sarah Pascarelli, Nick Pascarelli, Anna Cortese, Rebecca Pranger, Madeline Green. **Front:** Micah Ritschard, Jon Tingle, Zach Tingle (Treasurer), Ethan Ritschard. Not Pictured: Melinda Green.

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